

I take strong exception to the assertion that LPFM detracts from programming diversity to underserved communities. How does it follow that choices limit people. It only stands to reason that more non-commercial community generated broadcasts would better serve a population, not less.

The airwaves belong to every citizen, regardless of religion, ethnicity, political bent or cultural taste. All Americans are entitled to participate and produce programming that speaks to them and others are entitled to listen if they so choose. It is antithetical to the charge of the FCC to limit systems access to a few entrenched broadcasters with distinct agendas.

Please continue to support and expand Low-powered FM licenses to small market communities. This type of venue is not a dais, a pulpit, or a throne. It is, instead, the modern-day equivalent of a soapbox... a rudimentary device that provides a forum for the people who are seldom heard.

Americans deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,
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